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An Abſtract of the Act paſſed in this Tenth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, Intituled, An Act for explaining and amending an Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, Intituled, *An Act to oblige all Perſons, being Papiſts, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and all Perſons in Great Britain, refuſing or neglecting to take the Oaths appointed for the Security of His Majeſty's Perſon and Government, by ſeveral Acts herein mentioned, to Regiſter their Names and real Eſtates,* and for enlarging the Time for taking the ſaid Oaths, and making ſuch Regiſters, and for allowing farther Time for the Enrolment of Deeds or Wills made by Papiſts, which have been omitted to be enrolled, purſuant to an Act of the Third Year of His Majeſty's Reign; and alſo for giving Relief to Proteſtant Leſſees.

THE Preamble recites the ſaid former Act ſo to be explained and amended, and then it is enacted, That nothing in the ſaid recited Act contained ſhall be conſtrued to extend to oblige any Woman whatſoever to take the ſaid Oaths, or to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribe the ſaid Aſſurance, or to regiſter her Name, or real Eſtate; nor to oblige any Perſons whatſoever to take the ſaid Oaths, or to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribe the ſaid Aſſurance, or to regiſter their Names, and real Eſtates, who had only an Eſtate or Intereſt in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in Reverſion, or Remainder Expectant, upon the Determination of any Eſtate-Tail, or Eſtate for Life or Lives, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, (where no Rent was reſerved on ſuch Eſtate for Life or Lives, or for Years) or who had only an Eſtate or Intereſt in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as Mortgages, or by way of Security for Money, or Relief of any Engagement, or by way of Warranty, not being in the actual Poſſeſſion thereof, or who had only an Eſtate or Intereſt in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in Truſt for ſome other Perſon or Perſons, and not for their own Uſe or Benefit; or who had only an Eſtate or Intereſt in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as Tenants or Farmers, by virtue of any Leaſe or Leaſes, whereupon two Thirds of the full yearly Value, or more, were reſerved; or who had not at ſome Time, between the Twenty ſeventh Day of May, and the Twenty fifth Day of December, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty three, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds, or upwards, over and above all Reprizes whereof they, or ſome Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for them, or for their Benefit, were in the Poſſeſſion and Receipt of the Rents or Profits; or who had at any Time, before the Twenty ſeventh Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty three, taken the Oaths preſcribed and appointed by the ſaid Act, made in the Firſt Year of His Majeſty's Reign, in either Houſe of Parliament, or in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, or at any General or Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace; or who had, at any Time before the ſaid Twenty ſeventh Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty three, taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Allegiance, ſubſcribed the Aſſurance, and taken and ſigned the Oath of Abjuration, as directed to be taken and ſubſcribed by the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, or any ſubſequent Act, in the Court of Seſſion, Court of Juſticiary or Exchequer in Scotland, or at any Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace, or before any Sheriffs or Stewarts, or their Deputies, in open Court, held for ſome Shire, Stewartry, City, or Burgh, in Scotland, or as a Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, or as Magiſtrate or Town-Counſellor of any Royal Borough, or Voter for a Repreſentative in Parliament for any County or Place in Scotland reſpectively: But all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons are thereby declared to be freed, indempnified, and diſcharged, and are thereby freed, indempnified, and diſcharged from all Penalties and Forfeitures for or by Reaſon of his, her, or their not taking the ſaid Oaths, or not taking and ſubſcribing the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribing the ſaid Aſſurance, or not regiſtring his, her, or their Names, and real Eſtates, in purſuance of the ſaid recited Act.

And for enlarging the Time for taking the ſaid Oaths, within England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and for taking and ſubſcribing the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribing the ſaid Aſſurance, within Scotland, by Perſons by the ſaid Act obliged and intended to take and ſubſcribe the ſame, or any of them reſpectively, or in Default thereof, for regiſtring the Names and real Eſtates of ſuch Perſons; it is further enacted, That all and every Perſon and Perſons who, by the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid recited Act, according to the Declaration before-mentioned, was or were required to take the ſaid Oaths, or to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribe the ſaid Aſſurance, not having taken and ſubſcribed the ſame reſpectively, purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid recited Act, ſhall take the ſaid Oaths, or take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribe the ſaid Aſſurance, in ſome of the Courts or Places wherein the ſame were in and by the ſaid recited Act appointed to be taken by ſuch Perſon and Perſons reſpectively, or in ſuch Court or Place, and in ſuch Manner, as is by this Act directed, on or before the Twenty eighth Day of November, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty four, and thereupon ſhall be diſcharged from any Obligation to regiſter his or their Names and real Eſtate or Eſtates, in purſuance of the ſaid recited Act; and in Default of taking the ſaid Oaths, or taking and ſubſcribing the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribing the ſaid Aſſurance reſpectively, as the Caſe ſhall require, in ſuch Manner, and within ſuch Time, as is for that Purpoſe above-mentioned, all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſhall, on or before the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty five, regiſter, or cauſe or procure to be regiſtred, his or their Name or Names, and all ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof he or they, or any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for him or them, or for his or their Benefit, ſhall be in Poſſeſſion, or in the Receipt or Perception of the Rents or Profits which ſhall be ſituate, lying, or ariſing within Great Britain, in ſuch Courts and Places, and in ſuch Manner and Form, as are after for that Purpoſe reſpectively directed and appointed.

And it is further enacted, That every ſuch Regiſtry ſhall expreſs in what Pariſh, Townſhip, Burgh, or Place,

Place ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and every Part thereof lie or ariſe, and who, for the Time being, is or are the Poſſeſſor or Poſſeſſors thereof, and of every Part thereof, and what Eſtate or Intereſt he or they, whoſe Name or Names is or ſhall be ſo regiſtred reſpectively, have in the ſame, and every Part and Parcel thereof reſpectively, and the annual Value thereof, or the yearly Rent reſerved to him or them for the ſame (if the ſame ſhall be Lett) and if the ſame ſhall be Lett by Leaſe for any certain Term, then by whom ſuch Leaſe was made, what yearly or other Rent is reſerved thereupon, and what Fine or Sum of Money was paid for ſuch Leaſe thereof, in caſe the ſame was made by the Perſon making ſuch Regiſtry, or any Perſon in Truſt for him, or that he was Party or Privy thereunto, and the Time and Day of the Month and Year when ſuch Regiſtry ſhall be made, which Regiſtry ſhall be entred in a Parchment Book or Books, Roll or Rolls, which ſhall be kept by the Clerk of the Peace for every County, Riding, and Diviſion where ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſhall reſpectively lie, ariſe, or be, within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and if ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſhall lie, ariſe, or be within Scotland, then by the Sheriff or Sheriff Depute of ſuch Shire or County wherein the ſame ſhall reſpectively lie, ariſe, or be, or by the Keeper of the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh.

And every Perſon, whoſe Name ſhall or ought to be regiſtred, as aforeſaid, is required to take Care that his Name be, within the Time allowed for making ſuch Regiſtry, ſubſcribed to ſuch Regiſtry, or Entry in the ſaid Books or Rolls, at the General or Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace, in the Preſence of two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Riding, or Diviſion where ſuch Regiſtry ſhall be made in England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and where ſuch Regiſtry ſhall be made in Scotland, in open Court before ſuch Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, or the Keeper of the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh by himſelf, whoſe Name and Eſtate ſhall be ſo regiſtred, or by his Attorney or Attornies thereunto lawfully authorized by Letter of Attorney under his Hand and Seal, executed by him in the Preſence of two or more Witneſſes, one of which Witneſſes, at the leaſt, ſhall make Proof of ſuch Execution upon Oath, in the Court or Place where ſuch Name ſhall be ſubſcribed, or Regiſtry produced; and the Juſtices of the ſaid Court of General or Quarter-Seſſions, Sheriffs, and Sheriffs Deputes, and the Keeper of the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh, are reſpectively impowered and required to examine ſuch Witneſſes upon Oath for that Purpoſe; and two of the Juſtices of the Peace then preſent, or ſuch Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, or the Keeper of the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh, ſhall ſubſcribe his or their Names to every ſuch Entry, which ſhall be ſo made before them, as Witneſſes that the ſame was duly made, as aforeſaid, and in Default thereof, each of the ſaid Juſtices then preſent, or the ſaid Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, or the Keeper of the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh, ſhall forfeit Twenty Pounds to the King.

And all and every ſuch Clerk and Clerks of the Peace, Sheriffs or Sheriffs Deputes, are reſpectively required to keep Parchment Books or Parchment Rolls at ſome notorious Place in the County, Shire, Riding, or Diviſion, in which they ſhall act as Clerks of the Peace, Sheriffs or Sheriffs Deputes; and the Keeper of the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh, ſhall keep ſuch Books or Rolls in his publick Office there, and all ſuch Officers reſpectively ſhall, by themſelves or their lawful Deputies, regiſter and enter in the ſaid Books or Rolls the Chriſtian and Sirnames of all and every ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall come in Perſon, and deſire to be regiſtred, as aforeſaid, or ſhall ſend any Writing under his or their Hands to ſuch Officers or their Deputies reſpectively, deſiring him or them to regiſter his or their Name or Names; and ſhall alſo regiſter the Eſtates in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of every ſuch Perſon and Perſons, in ſuch Manner, and in ſuch Words, as he or they ſhall, by any Writing, ſigned by him or them reſpectively, deſire ſuch Officer, or Officers, or his or their Deputy or Deputies reſpectively, to regiſter the ſame: Provided the Perſon or Perſons, who deſire ſuch Regiſtry to be made, ſhall tender and pay to ſuch Officer or Officers, or his or their lawful Deputy or Deputies, the Fees appointed to be paid unto him or them for ſuch Regiſtring, and ſo that they apply to him or them to enter ſuch Regiſtry, and deliver to him or them in Writing, the Words he or they reſpectively deſire to have ſo regiſtred or entred Ten Days at the leaſt before the holding of the General or Quarter-Seſſions, or Sheriffs Court, where the Entries thereof are to be ſubſcribed, as aforeſaid; and ſuch Officer or Officers, his or their lawful Deputy or Deputies, ſhall reſpectively enter ſuch Perſons Names, and Regiſtry of their Eſtates, before the next General or Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace, or Sheriffs Court, or in caſe of ſuch Regiſtry in the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh, within Ten Days after ſuch Delivery in the ſaid Books or Rolls, and every ſuch Clerk of the Peace, Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, ſhall carry the ſaid Books and Rolls, in which ſuch Entries ſhall be ſo made, with him or them to the next, and every other General or Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace, or Sheriffs Court, to be held for the County, Riding, Diviſion, or Place, where ſuch Entry ſhall be made reſpectively, until the Time of ſuch ſubſcribing the ſame ſhall be expired, to the end that all and every the Perſons regiſtring, as aforeſaid, or their reſpective Attorney or Attornies, may have an Opportunity to come to the ſaid Seſſions, or Sheriffs Court, and ſubſcribe the Names of the Perſons ſo to be regiſtred to the ſame; and every ſuch Clerk of the Peace, Sheriff, and Sheriff Depute, and the Keeper of the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh, ſhall keep Alphabetical Tables of the Sirnames of all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons, whoſe Names and Eſtates ſhall be ſo regiſtred in his Books or Rolls reſpectively, and of the Pariſhes and Townſhips where the Lands ſo regiſtred lie, with reference to the Place in the Book or Books, Roll or Rolls, where ſuch Claims and Lands ſhall be regiſtred; and ſhall alſo carefully keep all ſuch Letters of Attorney as ſhall be ſo proved, as aforeſaid, upon a File, together with ſuch Books and Rolls, and ſhall likewiſe enter ſuch Letters of Attorney upon Record, and ſhall have for ſuch Regiſtry and Entring on Record, a Fee of Three Pence for every Two hundred Words contained in ſuch Regiſtry and Entry on Record, and no more, to be paid by the Perſons regiſtring the ſame, and ſhall alſo have the Sum of Four Pence, and no more, for every Search that ſhall be made for the Name or Eſtate of any Perſon, and is required, on the Requeſt of any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall pay or tender ſuch Fees, to make ſuch Search, and to permit and ſuffer ſuch Perſon or Perſons to inſpect the ſaid Tables, Books, and Rolls, and ſuch Letters of Attorney, as ſhall be ſo filed, and to give Copies of ſuch Regiſtries, ſubſcribed by himſelf or his lawful Deputy, to every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall deſire ſuch Copies, and tender him the Fees appointed to be paid for the ſame, and ſhall ſuffer ſuch Perſon, who ſhall requeſt him ſo to do, to examine the ſame with the Rolls or Books by him kept, and for ſo doing ſhall take a Fee of Three Pence for every Two hundred Words contained in every ſuch Copy as ſhall be ſo taken, and no more; and if any Clerk of the Peace, Sheriff or Sheriff Depute, or Keeper of the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh, ſhall neglect or refuſe to do any of the Matters or Things appointed to be done

done by him, and be thereof lawfully convicted, he ſhall forfeit his Office, and ſhall alſo forfeit One hundred Pounds to the Party grieved, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, in caſe ſuch Offence be committed in that Part of Great Britain called England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and in caſe ſuch Offence be committed in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, then to be recovered in His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland.

And it is further enacted, That where it ſhall happen that any Manor, or reputed Manor, Demeſne Lands, or entire Farm, ſhall lie in more Counties than one, the Regiſtring of ſuch Manor, Demeſne Lands or Farms, or of any Rent or Fine iſſuing thereout, or charged thereupon, in the County only where the Manor-Houſe, or the Houſe or Houſes to the ſaid Farm or Lands do lie, and not in ſeveral Counties, (it being expreſſed in ſuch Regiſtring, that the ſame do extend into ſuch other County or Counties) ſhall be a ſufficient Regiſtring of ſuch entire Manor, Farm, or Lands, within the true Intent and Meaning of the Act.

And it is further enacted, That the reſpective Clerks of the Peace ſhall, before the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty five, ſign and return the Copies of ſuch Regiſtries, made within England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, into the Office of the King's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer at Weſtminſter, there to be kept; and the Keeper of the General Regiſtry of Seiſins at Edinburgh, and the ſeveral Sheriffs or Sheriffs Deputes, ſhall, before the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty five, ſign and return true Copies of ſuch Regiſtries made in Scotland, into the Office of the King's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, there to be kept.

And it is further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons who, by the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid recited Act, according to the Declaration before-mentioned, was or were required to take the ſaid Oaths, or to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribe the ſaid Aſſurance, not having taken and ſubſcribed the ſame reſpectively, purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid recited Act, ſhall neglect to take the ſaid Oaths, or to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribe the ſaid Aſſurance reſpectively, as the Caſe ſhall require, and ſhall not regiſter, or cauſe to be regiſtred his or their Name and Names, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, required to be regiſtred in ſuch Courts and Places, in ſuch Manner, and within ſuch Times, as are before reſpectively appointed and limited for the doing thereof; all and every Perſon and Perſons, ſo offending, ſhall forfeit the full Value of One Year's Rents and Profits of all ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments not regiſtred, which he or they ought to have regiſtred in purſuance of this Act; two Third Parts thereof to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Third Part thereof to ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, where ſuch Forfeitures ſhall ariſe within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or in His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland, where ſuch Forfeitures ſhall ariſe within that Part of Great Britain called Scotland.

Provided, That if any Perſon or Perſons, who is or are required to take the ſaid Oaths, or to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribe the ſaid Aſſurance, or to make ſuch Regiſtry, as aforeſaid, ſhall, on the Twenty firſt Day of April, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty four, be in Priſon, or beyond the Seas, or *Non compos mentis*, or abſolutely diſabled by Sickneſs, or other Infirmity, from reſorting to a proper Court to take the ſaid Oaths, and ſhall continue ſo in Priſon, beyond the Seas, *Non compos mentis*, or under ſuch Diſability, until the Firſt Day of November, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty four; then, and in every ſuch Caſe, if ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall take the ſaid Oaths, or take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribe the ſaid Aſſurance reſpectively, as the Caſe ſhall require, in ſuch Court or Place, and in ſuch Manner, as is hereby before appointed, within the Space of Six Months after his or their Enlargement out of Priſon, Return from beyond the Seas, becoming of ſound Mind, or ſuch Diſability removed, or in Default thereof, ſhall, within the Space of Six Months, after ſuch Default made, regiſter, or cauſe to be regiſtred, his or their Name or Names, and all ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as are before required and intended to be regiſtred; then and in every ſuch Caſe, all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſhall be taken and adjudged to have complied with the true Intent and Meaning of the Act, and ſhall be abſolutely indempnified from all Penalties and Forfeitures thereby inflicted: Provided, That nothing in the ſaid recited Act, or in this Act contained, ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend to oblige any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever to take the ſaid Oaths, or to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribe the ſaid Aſſurance, or to regiſter his or their Name or Names, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, who, upon the Twenty firſt Day of April, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty four, ſhall be of the Age of Seventy Years, or upwards.

Provided That no Action or Suit whatſoever, for any Penalty or Forfeiture for not taking the ſaid Oaths, or not taking and ſubſcribing the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribing the ſaid Aſſurance, or for not regiſtring of Names, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be commenced or brought againſt any Perſon or Perſons, after the Space of Six Months, to be accounted from the time of the Offence committed.

And it is further enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Act, as inflicts any Forfeiture of the Fee-Simple or Inheritance, or of any Eſtate or Intereſt in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for or on Account of not taking the ſaid Oaths, or not taking and ſubſcribing the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribing the ſaid Aſſurance, or not regiſtring the Names and real Eſtates of any Perſon or Perſons, ſhall be repealed and made void.

And then it recites an Act made in the Eighth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, (Intituled, *An Act for granting the People called Quakers, ſuch Forms of Affirmation or Declaration, as may remove the Difficulties which many of them lie under,*) and afterwards Declares and Enacts, That all and every Perſon and Perſons, being of the People called Quakers, who hath or have, at any time heretofore, in any of the Courts or Places aforeſaid, made and ſubſcribed, or who ſhall, in any of the ſaid Courts or Places, within the reſpective Times by this Act before limited and appointed, make and ſubſcribe the Declaration of Fidelity, and take the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, appointed by the ſaid recited Act of the Eighth Year of His Majeſty's Reign; all and every ſuch Quaker and Quakers, ſo having taken and ſubſcribed, or who ſhall, as aforeſaid, take and ſubſcribe ſuch Declaration of Fidelity, and Effect of the Abjuration Oath, hath and have complied, and ſhall be deemed and taken to have complied with the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid recited Act of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, and of this Act, and ſhall be diſcharged from all Penalties and Forfeitures for not taking the ſaid Oaths, or not regiſtring his or their Eſtate or Eſtates.

And it is further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, being a Proteſtant or Proteſtants, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, hath or have taken and ſubſcribed, or ſhall, within the reſpective Times by this Act limited, take and ſubſcribe the Oath, appointed to be taken by Miniſters and Preachers in Scotland, by an Act of the Fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, (Intituled, *An Act for making more effectual the Laws,*

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appointing the Oaths for Security of the Government to be taken by Miniſters and Preachers in Churches and Meeting-Houſes in Scotland) inſtead and lieu of the Abjuration Oath, ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſhall be deemed and taken to have complied with the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, in as full and ample Manner, as if ſuch Perſon had taken the ſaid Oath of Abjuration, and ſhall not incur any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by this Act.

And for the better Diſcovery of Papiſts, and reputed Papiſts, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, it is further enacted, That all Papiſts, reputed Papiſts, and Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh Religion in Scotland, as aforeſaid, ſhall, (if required) at the Time of taking and ſubſcribing the Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration, and repeating and ſubſcribing the Aſſurance, as is herein before directed and required, make and ſubſcribe the Declaration called the *Formula*, as the ſame is recited in an Act of Parliament of Scotland, paſſed in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred, (Intituled, *An Act for preventing the Growth of Popery*) and in caſe ſuch Papiſt, or reputed Papiſt, ſhall neglect or refuſe to make and ſubſcribe the ſaid *Formula*, at ſuch Time and Times, as are herein before directed, ſuch Papiſt, or reputed Papiſt, ſhall be obliged to regiſter, or cauſe to be regiſtred his or their Names, and all ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as are hereby required and intended to be regiſtred, in ſuch Manner and Form, and within ſuch Time, as are herein before directed, or in Default thereof ſhall be liable to and incur the like Penalties and Forfeitures, as are by this Act inflicted and enacted againſt ſuch Perſons, as ſhall neglect, or refuſe to take the ſeveral Oaths appointed by this Act to be taken, or, in caſe of ſuch Refuſal, ſhall neglect to make, or cauſe to be made ſuch Regiſtry as aforeſaid.

And it is enacted, That for taking and ſubſcribing the Oaths and Aſſurance, appointed by this Act, or the ſaid recited Act, Three Pence ſhall be paid, and no more; and for any Certificate thereof (if required) Six Pence, and no more.

And it is further enacted, That upon any Tryal to be had in any Suit or Proſecution to be commenced for any Penalty or Forfeiture for not taking the ſaid Oaths, or not taking and ſubſcribing the ſaid Oaths, or ſubſcribing the ſaid Aſſurance, or for not making ſuch Regiſtry, as aforeſaid, a Certificate, that the Defendant, in ſuch Suit or Proſecution, had in any of the Courts or Places aforeſaid, taken the ſaid Oaths, or taken and ſubſcribed the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribed the ſaid Aſſurance, or made and ſubſcribed ſuch Declaration of Fidelity, or taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath (in caſe ſuch Defendant be one of the People called Quakers) or taken the ſaid Oath appointed to be taken by Miniſters and Preachers in Scotland inſtead of the Abjuration Oath (in caſe ſuch Defendant be a Proteſtant, reſiding within that Part of Great Britain called Scotland) ſuch Certificate, being made under the Hand of the proper Officer of ſuch Court or Place, uſually making ſuch Certificates, ſhall be allowed as Evidence of ſuch Defendants having taken the ſaid Oaths, or taken and ſubſcribed the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribed the ſaid Aſſurance, or having made and ſubſcribed ſuch Declaration of Fidelity, or taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath reſpectively, as aforeſaid.

And it is further enacted, That if any Officer ſhall knowingly give or ſign a falſe Certificate of any Perſon having taken the ſaid Oaths, or taken and ſubſcribed the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribed the ſaid Aſſurance, or any of them, or having made and ſubſcribed ſuch Declaration of Fidelity, or taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, as aforeſaid, or if any Perſon ſhall forge, raſe, alter, or counterfeit any ſuch Certificate or Certificates, or ſhall perſonate any other Perſon, or cauſe or procure any Perſon to perſonate another Perſon in taking the ſaid Oaths, or in taking and ſubſcribing the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribing the ſaid Aſſurance, or any of them, or in making and ſubſcribing ſuch Declaration of Fidelity, or taking the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, as aforeſaid, in any of the Courts or Places aforeſaid, every Officer ſo offending, being thereof lawfully convicted on an Indictment or Information, ſhall forfeit his Office, and ſhall alſo forfeit One Hundred Pounds, one Moiety thereof to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to him or them who ſhall ſue for the ſame, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, in caſe ſuch Offence ſhall be committed within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or in His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland, in caſe ſuch Offence ſhall be committed within Scotland: And every Perſon offending in any other of the Premiſſes, being thereof lawfully convicted on an Indictment or Information, ſhall incur and ſuffer ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures and Diſabilities, as Perſons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury at the Common Law are liable unto, in caſe ſuch Offence ſhall be committed within England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and in caſe ſuch Offence ſhall be committed in Scotland, then every ſuch Offender, being thereof lawfully convicted, ſhall incur and ſuffer ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures, and Diſabilities, as Perſons convicted of wilful Perjury by the Law of Scotland are liable unto: And in every ſuch caſe of a falſe Certificate, or of any Perſon perſonating another Perſon in taking the ſaid Oaths, or in taking and ſubſcribing the ſaid Oaths, and ſubſcribing the ſaid Aſſurance, or any of them, or in making and ſubſcribing ſuch Declaration of Fidelity, or taking the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, as aforeſaid, all and every the Certificate and Certificates, Record and Records thereof, ſhall be wholly void and of none Effect: Provided, That if any Perſon or Perſons have or hath already regiſtred his, her, or their Real Eſtate or Eſtates, or any Part thereof, in purſuance of the ſaid recited Act of Parliament, who is or are hereby excuſed or exempted from Regiſtring his, her, or their Eſtates, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be at Liberty to withdraw ſuch Regiſter of their ſaid Eſtates, and the Clerks of the Peace, and all other Officers, with whom ſuch Regiſtries are lodged, entred, or made, are hereby authorized and required, at the Requeſt of the Party, who hath ſo regiſtred, to diſcharge and vacate the ſame.

And whereas the following Words are contained in the latter Part of the Oath of Abjuration, viz. (*Upon the true Faith of a Chriſtian*) it is further enacted, That whenever any of His Majeſty's Subjects, profeſſing the Jewiſh Religion, ſhall preſent himſelf to take the ſaid Oath of Abjuration, in purſuance of the above recited Act, or of this preſent Act, the ſaid Words (*Upon the true Faith of a Chriſtian*) ſhall be omitted out of the ſaid Oath in adminiſtring the ſame to ſuch Perſon, and the taking the ſaid Oath by ſuch Perſon profeſſing the Jewiſh Religion, without the Words aforeſaid, in like manner as Jews are admitted to be ſworn to give Evidence in Courts of Juſtice, ſhall be deemed to be a ſufficient taking of the Abjuration Oath within the meaning of this and the ſaid recited Act.

And whereas by a Clauſe in an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign (Intituled, *An Act for Explaining an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, Intituled*, An Act to oblige Papiſts to regiſter their Names and Real Eſtates; *And for Enlarging the Time for ſuch Regiſtring, and for Securing Purchaſes made by Proteſtants*) It is enacted, That from and after the Nine and twentieth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven Hundred and ſeventeen, no Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Intereſt therein, or Rent or Profit thereout, ſhould paſs, alter, or change from any Papiſt or Perſon profeſſing the Popiſh Religion, by any Deed or Will, except ſuch Deed within ſix Months after the Date, and ſuch Will within ſix Months after the Death of the Teſtator, ſhould be enrolled in one of the King's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, or elſe within the ſame County or

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Counties wherein the Manors, Lands, and Tenements lie, in ſuch manner as therein, for that Purpoſe, is particularly directed: And whereas ſeveral of His Majeſty's Proteſtant Subjects ſince the Nine and twentieth of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, have purchaſed Lands, and taken Leaſes, as well at Rack Rents, as upon Fines, from Papiſts, or Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh Religion, and have neglected or omitted to enrol their Purchaſe Deeds, and Leaſes, within the Time limited by the ſaid Clauſe in the ſaid Act for the Enrolment thereof, and are in danger of being defeated of their ſaid Purchaſes and Leaſes: And whereas ſince the twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, ſeveral Infants, and others, claiming under the Laſt Wills and Teſtaments of Papiſts, or Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh Religion, may be defeated of the Lands ſo deviſed to them through the Neglect or Omiſſion of the Executors or Truſtees of ſuch Wills to enroll the ſame in due Time, according to the Direction of the ſaid Clauſe in the ſaid Act; to relieve therefore ſuch Proteſtant Leſſees, and all ſuch Perſons as have neglected or omitted to enroll their Deeds or Wills in due Time, as aforeſaid; it is enacted, That every Deed and Will made ſince the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and Seventeen, in order to paſs, alter, or change any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or any Intereſt therein, or Rent or Profit thereout, from any Papiſt, or Perſon profeſſing the Popiſh Religion, though not enrolled, ſhall be as good and effectual in Law, as the ſame would have been, in Caſe the ſaid Deeds and Wills had been enrolled within the Time limited by the ſaid Clauſe in the ſaid Act for the Inrolment thereof, provided the ſame Deeds and Bills ſhall be enrolled on or before the Twenty Ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty four, in ſuch Manner, as by the ſaid Clauſe in the ſaid Act is directed: And that all and every Leaſe and Leaſes, made by Papiſts, or Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh Religion, to any Proteſtant, of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſince the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, or hereafter to be made, whereon the full yearly Value thereof, or the ancient and moſt accuſtomed yearly Rent, or more, have been, or ſhall be reſerved, ſhall be as good and effectual in Law, though the ſame have not been, or ſhall not hereafter be enrolled, as the ſame would have been, in caſe the ſaid Clauſe in the ſaid Act had never been made: Provided always, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend to make good any ſuch Deed, Will, or Leaſe already made, and not inrolled, of the Want of Inrolment whereof, Advantage ſhall have been taken by any Action or Suit commenced, or lawful Entry made, on or before the Sixth Day of March, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty three; but every ſuch Deed, Will, and Leaſe, ſhall remain of ſuch Force and Effect only as the ſame would have had, in caſe this Act had never been made, and of none other.

Vienna, April 8, *N. S.* The 5th Inſtant about Eight in the Evening the Empreſs was brought to Bed of an Archdutcheſs. The 6th there was a very numerous and ſplendid Appearance at Court of the Nobility and foreign Miniſters, who made their Compliments on this Occaſion to the Emperour: His Imperial Majeſty made a Preſent to the Empreſs of a Diamond valued at 50000 Florins: In the Evening the young Archdutcheſs was Chriſtened and Named Maria, Amalia, Carolina, Ludovica, Ludomilla, Anna; the Service being performed by the Pope's Nuncio, aſſiſted by four Prelates, the King of Poland being Godfather by his Proxy the Prince Emanuel of Savoy, and the Empreſs Dowager Amalia being Godmother. The two Leopoldine Archdutcheſſes were preſent on this Occaſion, as was alſo the Hereditary Prince of Lorrain, together with the chief of the Nobility and the foreign Miniſters.

Liſbon, April 12, *N. S.* On the 4th Inſtant the Marqueſs de Capeçelatro, Spaniſh Ambaſſadour at this Court, had a publick Audience of his Portugueſe Majeſty, at which he delivered a new Credential Letter from King Lewis his Maſter. The 10th a Man of War of 56 Guns, called Noſſa Senora das Undas, was launched in the Preſence of the whole Court. The ſame Day the African Company lately eſtabliſhed here opened their Books for the firſt Time. Only the Portugueſe are permitted to ſubſcribe during the three firſt Days: After which the Subſcriptions of Foreigners will be received.

Stamp-Office.

The Commiſſioners for managing His Majeſty's Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, That by a Clauſe in the Act of Parliament, for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, &c. *For Relief of all Maſters and Miſtreſſes who have omitted to pay His Majeſty's Duties of* SIX PENCE IN THE POUND *for every Sum of Fifty Pounds or under, and of* TWELVE PENCE IN THE POUND *for every Sum amounting to more than Fifty Pounds Given, Paid, Contracted or Agreed for with Clerks and Apprentices, within the reſpective Times limited by the ſeveral Acts of Parliament in that Caſe made; Or who have omitted to inſert and write in Words at length in the Indentures, or other Writings, containing the Covenants and Agreements relating to the Service of ſuch Clerks or Apprentices the full Sum or Sums of Money received, or in any wiſe directly or indirectly Given, Paid, Agreed or Contracted for; All ſuch Maſters and Miſtreſſes are Acquitted and Diſcharged of and from all Penalties incurred by ſuch Omiſſions, upon Payment of the ſaid Duties on or before the Twenty Ninth Day of* September, 1714. *And for preventing the like Omiſſions for the future, the ſaid Commiſſioners do hereby further give Notice, That the Times limited by the Act of Parliament, which grants the ſaid Duties for the Payment thereof, are* ONE MONTH *after the Dates of ſuch Indentures or Contracts as are executed within the Limits of the Bills of Mortality, and* TWO MONTHS *after the Dates of ſuch Indentures or Contracts as are executed elſewhere throughout the Kingdom of* Great Britain; *and that on Neglect of Payment within the reſpective Times before-mentioned, Every Maſter or Miſtreſs ſo neglecting, incurs a Penalty of Fifty Pounds with Coſts of Suit, and the Clerk or Apprentice is made incapable of exerciſing the intended Trade or Employment, or of being made free of any City, Corporation, or Company. And the Indentures and Contracts are alſo void, and of no Effect. And in Caſe the full Sum or Sums of Money be not inſerted, or written in Words at length in ſuch Indentures or Contracts as aforeſaid, the Maſter or Miſtreſs thereby forfeits double the Sum which he or ſhe really receives or agrees for. And all Perſons neglecting or refuſing to comply with the Terms of the ſaid Acts of Parliament for the future, will be proſecuted for ſuch Neglect or Refuſal.*

Advertiſements.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt Edmund Laſcells, of George-Alley near Thames-ſtreet, London, Dyer, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 23d and 30th of April Inſtant, and on the 14th of May next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the ſecond of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuſe Aſſignees. All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are deſired to give Notice thereof to Mr. William Myers, Attorney, in King-ſtreet near Guildhall, London.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Richard Brocklesby, late of King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, Vintner, intend to meet on the 28th of April Inſtant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution Money, are to come prepared to do the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend.

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